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SUBJECT: ISRAELI LEADERS ON US-ISRAELI RELATIONS

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: PRIME MINISTER RABIN AND FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON AT MAY 23 CABINET MEETING STRESSED THE POSITIVE NATURE OF CURRENT US-ISRAELI RELATIONS. FOLLOWING SUMMARY IS BASED ON PRESS SOURCES. RABIN REPORTED TO THE CABINET ON PRESIDENT FORD'S MEETING WITH MRS. MEIR. THE PRESIDENT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD MRS. MEIR THAT SINCE RABIN'S VISIT TO THE US IN JANUARY, POLITICAL COORDINATION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE US HAS CONTINUED, AND THAT SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAS TAKEN PLACE IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND GOVERNMENTS. THE PRESIDENT ADDED THAT IF THERE HAD BEEN NO DIPLOMATIC PROGRESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, IT WAS NOT ISRAEL'S FAULT. ISRAEL WAS RIGHT, THE US BELIEVES, ABOUT THE TERMS OF CONVENING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, PARTICULARLY AS THIS STAND

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ENABLES THE US TO TEST ARAB READINESS FOR END-OF-WAR AGREEMENTS. ON THIS POINT, THERE HAS BEEN NO REPLY

FROM THE ARAB STATES, WHILE ISRAEL HAS SHOWN MAXIMAL FLEXIBILITY; ISRAEL SHOULD THEREFORE NOT BE BLAMED FOR THE LACK OF PROGRESS. CHARGES THAT ISRAEL IS NOT FLEXIBLE ENOUGH, THE PRESIDENT ADDED, WERE ONLY HEARD IN ISRAEL ITSELF. THE PRESIDENT ALSO EXPLAINED THAT HIS FOREIGN AID VETO WAS NOT BECAUSE OF ISRAEL.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON REPORTED TO THE CABINET THAT THE US WILL OPPOSE ANY POLITICAL DEAL WITH SYRIA IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXTENSION OF THE UNDOF MANDATE AND WILL ENTER INTO NO BARGAINING WITH DAMASCUS ON THIS POINT. ALLON ADDED THAT THE US IS NOT HAPPY WITH UNSYG WALDHEIM'S TRIP TO SYRIA AND THAT US AND ISRAEL BOTH OBJECT THAT ANY STATEMENT SHOULD BE MADE BY WALDHEIM ON THE OCCASION OF THE RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. RABIN AND ALLON, AS THE PRINCIPAL ARCHITECTS OF ISRAELI FOREIGN POLICY, CLEARLY HAVE A VESTED INTEREST IN HIGHLIGHTING THE SOLID STATE OF US-ISRAELI RELATIONS AS ONE OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS. AT THE SAME TIME, RABIN CONTINUES TO EXPECT THAT IN 1977 THERE MAY BE A SHARP DETERIORATION IN US/ISRAELI RELATIONS AS A RESULT OF WHAT HE ANTICIPATES WILL BE A NEW PUSH FROM THE U.S. FOR AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT. TO A LARGE EXTENT, THEREFORE, ISRAELI SANGUINENESS ABOUT US/ISRAELI RELATIONS APPEARS TO REFER MORE TO TACTICAL COORDINATION OF THE MOMENT THAN TO AGREEMENT REGARDING THE DEEPER QUESTIONS OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. DUNNIGAN

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